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PATENT APPLICATION

Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1725

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Bernhard GOEBEL

Appln. No.: 09/933,249 Group Art Unit: 1725

Filed: August 20, 2001 Examiner: C. Shaw

For: STUD WELDING DEVICE WITH CONTACT PROTECTION

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

Responding to the final Office Action mailed January 25, 2005, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 (the only claim now presented) has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taylor (4,027,136). The rejection alleges that Taylor discloses a stud welding device with the features claimed and asserts that because Taylor makes no mention of movement between shield 20 and collet 18, there is no reason to suppose that such movement takes place. Applicant respectfully disagrees.